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INCREASE IN HUNGARIAN INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT FOR FIRST QUARTER 1950

Hungarian Office of National Planning

Hungary's production quota under the 'ive-Year Plan for the first quarter 1950 was fulfilled 109.1 percent by heavy industry, 106.3 percent by light industry excluding egricultural industry, and 108.5 percent by all industry.

Industrial output during the first quarter 1950 increased by 47.4 percent as compared with the corresponding period of 1949, as shown in the following table (in percent):

Mining Iron, metal and machinery Electric power Building material Chemical	27.4 46.3 40.7 73.6
Total heavy industry	48.4
Wood Leather Rubber Textile Clothing Paper Printing Agricultural	48.3 33.2 84.9 48.0 108.0 38.9 51.6 33.6
Total light industry Total industry	45.9 47.4

In general, production of the more important industrial articles exceeded quotas under the Five-Year Plan and showed the following increases as compared with the first quarter 1949 (in percent):

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Iron ore Coal Petroleum Iron Steal Machine tools Tractors Motor bicycles Electric power Sulfuric acid	15.5 19.8 3.3 6.0 25.0 90.8 61.2 21.3 24.6	Superphosphate Cement Lime Gascline Leather shoes Cotton goods Woolen goods Rayon goods Linen and flax goods	132.2 109.2 56.7 7.0 65.6 7.5 16.2 55.7
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During March alone, the building industries exceeded their production for the entire first quarter 1949.

In the first quarter 1950 the number of workers employed in industry and building increased by 27,000. During the same period average wages in industry increased by 7.7 percent, while the cost-of-living index remained unchanged.

Agriculture

Spring planting quotas under the Five-Year Plan were fulfilled up to 29 April as follows (in percent):

Spring barley	97.9	Potatoes Alfalfa	97.2 161.0
Oats Sugar beets	108.8 101.6	Red clover	85.0
Cunflower	97.9	Corn	81.6

By 31 March 1950, state farms totaled 602,000 acres, or 4.5 percent of Hungary's total farming area. During the same period the number of agricultural producers' cooperatives increased to 1,865, with a total area of 550,000 acres, representing 4 percent of total acreage. At the end of March 1950 there were 275 farm machine stations.

Communications

During the first quarter 1950 railroad freight traffic increased 35.2 percent and passenger traffic 22.5 percent as compared with a year ago. The number of telephone and radio subscribers increased by 27.9 percent and 12.1 percent respectively, during the same quarter.

Commerce

Nationalized wholesale commerce had a turnover of 5.3 billion forints in the first quarter 1950, 10 percent over the quota set by the Five-Year Plan. During the same period the number of nationalized wholesale stores increased by 27.7 percent, retail stores by 36.2 percent, and farmer consumers' cooperatives by 23 percent as compared with the last quarter of 1949.

Investments

During the first quarter 1950 investments were 158 percent higher than in the corresponding period of 1949. However, while investments by the state amounted to 1.2 billion forints, as compared with 700 million forints a year earlier, they remained below the quota set by the Five-Year Plan. Most of the deficiency appeared in the smaller investments.

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